

## STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER BETWEEN THE DEBTORS AND THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING EXPERT DISCOVERY

The above captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") and the United States Government (the "Government"), by and through their respective attorneys, enter into this Stipulation and Agreed Order, and state:

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2006 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Government filed Claim No. 13321 (dated September 21, 2006) and No. 13796 (dated September 21, 2006) (the "Claims") against the Debtors' Estate.

WHEREAS discovery is ongoing with respect to the Claims; and

WHEREAS the Debtors and the Government wish to enter into an agreement regarding the conduct of expert discovery with respect to the Claims.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and of the mutual agreements and covenants hereinafter set forth, the Debtors, by and through their undersigned counsel, and the Government, by and through its undersigned counsel, stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. All drafts and pre-final versions of any expert's report shall be outside the scope of expert discovery and shall not be admissible at the trial of this matter and shall not form the basis of inquiry at any depositions in this matter. For purposes of this agreement, the expert's report is defined as the written report prepared by the testifying expert pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 26(a)(2)(B) for purposes of the above-referenced civil action.
- 2. "Drafts and pre-final versions" shall be interpreted to encompass the following documents:
- Draft or preliminary spreadsheets, tables, or other quantitative analyses, outlines, notes, or preliminary drafts of the expert's report that were created by the expert (or persons employed by or otherwise working for the expert) as part of preparing his/her report. provided that all data upon which such spreadsheets, tables or other quantitative analyses were based are or have been otherwise produced to all other parties;
- b. The substance of comments (both written and verbal) about drafts and prefinal versions of expert reports by an attorney or other representative of a party;
- Drafts and pre-final versions exchanged between the expert (or persons c. employed by or otherwise working for the expert) and another testifying expert. However, if one testifying expert ("Expert A") relies on a document authored by another testifying expert ("Expert B"), the version of the document relied on is subject to discovery (from Expert A), notwithstanding its status as a "draft" to the authoring expert (Expert B), unless all information considered by Expert A is contained in Expert B's final report.

- 3. All communications (including electronic mail) between the expert (or persons employed by or otherwise working for the expert) and counsel for the Party that retained such expert for this litigation shall be outside the scope of expert discovery and shall not be admissible at the trial of this matter, except to the extent such communications were considered by the expert in forming his/her opinions.
- The documents and communications protected herein from discovery and use at 4. the trial of this matter shall not be otherwise obtainable by the parties through other means, including, without limitation, statutory information requests or the Freedom of Information Act.
- 5. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent an attorney from inquiring into the basis of any statement in an expert's final report.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel have executed this Stipulation and Agreed Order on behalf of their respective clients.

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